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SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Dolichopus caligatus* Wahlb. (Diptera: Dolichopodidae) new to eastern England.**—During the Norfolk field meeting of the Diptera Recording Schemes I visited Burgh Common, Fleggburgh, (TG445130) on 5.vii.1993 in company with Jonathan Cole and Keith Porter.

Subsequently Dr Porter handed to me a male *Dolichopus* he had collected during the visit and which I identified as *D. caligatus*, a species hitherto unreported in eastern England. Dr Porter kindly allowed me to retain the specimen in my own collection and it was exhibited at the annual meeting of the Diptera Recording Schemes in November.

Assis Fonseca E.C.M. (1978. *Diptera Orthorrhapha Brachycera. Dolichopodidae. Handb. Ident. Br. Insects* 9(5): 24), records the distribution of this species as limited to five British localities only, all from northern Scotland, three of the records being prior to 1913.

In 1984 the species was found in four localities on the Isle of Lewis, the typical habitat seeming to be the edge of peaty lochs and beside streams in peat bogs, (MacGowan, I. 1986 *Entomologist's Mon. Mag.* 122: 213).

The species was found at Traeth Dulas (Anglesey), in 1987 by Peter Chandler (pers. comm.), and there is an undated record for Silverdale (N. Lancs.), by Harry Britten who died in 1954.

The latter record appears in *The Diptera of Lancashire and Cheshire*, Part 1, by L. N. Kidd and A. Brindle, published by the Lancashire and Cheshire Fauna Committee in 1959. This very useful reference work may have been overlooked by Mr Fonseca when he was compiling the distribution details for the 'Handbook', because there are similar omissions which come to light from time to time.

The Norfolk habitat was along the side of a drainage ditch in an overgrown grazing marsh; no other specimens were found on the occasion of our visit and the single specimen constituted the only record during the week.—Roy Crossley, 1 The Cloisters, Wilberfoss, York YO4 5RF.